



State of Wisconsin  
2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



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DOA:.....Lawrence, BB0389 – Requests of discharge records by siblings

**FOR 2013-2015 BUDGET -- NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

**AN ACT** ...; **relating to:** the budget.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

**VETERANS**

Under current law, documents that are evidence of service in the United States armed forces and that are in the possession of DVA may be disclosed only to veterans or their duly authorized representatives. Under current law, a “duly authorized representative” is a person who has written authorization from a veteran to act on his or her behalf, a guardian if the veteran has been adjudicated incompetent, or a legal representative if the veteran is deceased. A spouse or adult child of a veteran or a parent of an unmarried veteran may be also be considered a duly authorized representative of the veteran if there is no written authorization, guardian, or legal representative. This bill expands this list of relatives to include an adult sibling of a veteran.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 45.04 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

45.04 (1) (a) “Duly authorized representative” means any person authorized in writing by the veteran to act for the veteran, the veteran’s guardian if the veteran

is adjudicated incompetent, or a legal representative if the veteran is deceased.

~~Where for proper reason no representative~~ If no person is so authorized and no guardian or legal representative has been or will be appointed, the veteran's spouse, an adult child of the veteran, or, if the veteran is unmarried, ~~either a parent or adult sibling~~ of the veteran shall be recognized as the duly authorized representative.

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